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18 CRIMINALS LIVING IN KEY WEST ARRESTED BY ICE

KEY WEST- A 25-year-old citizen of the Turks and Caicos Islands with convictions ranging from drug trafficking to resisting arrest is one of 18 criminals arrested here this week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agents conducting a two-day targeted enforcement operation.

Julio Gardiner has drug trafficking convictions dating back to 1999. As an aggravated felon, Gardiner is amenable to removal under the Immigration and National Act (INA).

Also arrested was Manuel Rodriguez, 44, a citizen of Cuba convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

“Illegal aliens who break our laws and terrorize our community will be held accountable for their actions, said Keith Perniciaro, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in Miami. “We are committed to identifying and arresting those who show a blatant disregard for the laws of the United States.”

Those arrested are from the following countries: Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. All are in ICE custody at the Krome Detention Center awaiting the outcome of their cases.

ICE is committed to restoring integrity to our country’s immigration system by identifying and arresting illegal aliens who pose a threat to society and who are amenable to removal. Florida’s Office of Investigations will continue conducting these targeted enforcement actions to ensure the security and safety of our community.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

